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MINUTES BOARD MEETING July 9, 2020

The Board of Dental Examiners of Alabama met Thursday, July 9, 2020, via video conference.

The President called the meeting to order at 6:00 P.M. with the following members in attendance: Dr. Mark R. McIlwain, President; Ms. Sherry S. Campbell, RDH, Vice President; Dr. Kevin M. Sims, Secretary/Treasurer; Dr. L. Douglas Beckham; Dr. Bruce E. Cunningham; Dr. Marshall A. Williams; and Dr. Roberto V. Pischek. Also in attendance were Bradley W. Edmonds, Esq., Executive Director; Dr. Donna L. Dixon, Esq., Prosecuting Counsel; Blake Strickland, Investigator; Kevin Lane, Compliance Director; Gina Latham, RDH, ADHP Coordinator; Sonya Lankford, Business Manager; and Linda Dlugosz, Licensing Clerk.

The President determined that a quorum was present; Counsel orally confirmed.

The meeting was advertised on the Board's website, www.dentalboard.org, and on the Secretary of State's website, www.sos.alabama.gov, in compliance with the Alabama Open Meetings Act.

The President asked for review of the minutes from the June 11, 2020 meeting. Ms. Campbell moved to approve the minutes with one correction on page 3. Dr. Sims seconded the motion and it was approved by unanimous consent.

Dr. Sims presented the Financial Report for May 2020. The report was accepted as presented.

Dr. Pischek moved to adopt changes as discussed at the Legislative Session for Rule 270-X-3-.04, *Alabama Dental Hygiene Program Requirements*. Dr. Williams seconded the motion and it was approved by unanimous consent.

Dr. Sims moved to approve *Board Opinion on Board Compensation* that was discussed at the Legislative Committee meeting. Dr. Beckham seconded the motion and it was approved by unanimous consent. The opinion states:

It is the opinion of the Board that the clause, "for each day actively engaged in the duties of their office," as contemplated by Ala. Code (1975), § 34-9-41 and Ala. Admin. Code r. 270-X-1-.08(1), applies to all Board duties in the same manner as it applies to review of assigned cases under Rule 270-X-1-.08(1)(c)—one hundred dollars and 00/100 (\$100.00) per hour, not to exceed three hundred dollars and 00/100 (\$300.00) per day.

Members discussed amendments to Rule 270-X-3-.01 *Examination Rules for Dental Hygienists* and made suggestions for changes in the draft. Mr. Edmonds will edit the draft and present to members at the August meeting.

At 6:08 P.M., on the advice of Counsel, per the pertinent provision of the Alabama Open Meetings Act, Dr. Cunningham moved to enter into Executive Session for the discussion of the general reputation, character, and/or professional competence of licensees; and to return to public session at 7:15 P.M. Dr. Beckham seconded the motion and the President called for the vote: Dr. Cunningham, yea, Dr. Williams, yea, Dr. Pischek, yea, Dr. McIlwain, yea, Ms. Campbell, yea, Dr. Sims, yea, Dr. Beckham, yea. The motion carried.

At 7:14 P.M. the Board retired from Executive Session and returned to Public Session.

In consideration of COVID-19 and the inability to have live meetings, the Board revisited status for dentists who missed the virtual Instructor Certification (IC) class held in June. After discussion, Dr. Cunningham moved to rescind the motion passed at the June 11 meeting that denied allowing IC applicants to make up the missed session by watching the video; and to move to allow them to take the video course. Dr. Beckham seconded the motion and it was approved by unanimous consent.

Ms. Campbell moved to require an evaluation for an ADHP candidate before allowing the candidate to attend the course. Dr. Sims seconded the motion and it was approved by unanimous consent.

Ms. Campbell moved to require an evaluation for a licensed hygienist. Dr. Williams seconded the motion and it was approved by unanimous consent.

Ms. Campbell motion to require an evaluation for an ADHP candidate. Dr. Sims seconded the motion and it was approved by unanimous consent.

Ms. Campbell moved to notice the Respondents of cases 2020-50, 2020-51, and 2020-52 for a hearing. Dr. Williams seconded the motion and it was approved by general and it was approved by unanimous consent with the case team leader abstaining from the vote.

Dr. Sims moved to renew the contract with Windom Galliher and Associates at the same rate as the current contract. Ms. Campbell seconded the motion and it was approved by unanimous consent.

After discussion, Dr. Cunningham moved to express to CITA the Board's preference for a manikin clinical exam for ADHP graduates. Dr. Williams seconded the motion and it was approved by unanimous consent.

Dr. Cunningham moved to extend acceptance of manikin clinical exams for initial licensing by Regional Exam to June 30, 2021. Dr. Sims seconded the motion and it was approved by unanimous consent. Mr. Edmonds will inform Dr. Hsu at UAB School of Dentistry.

Four proposals have been received for proctored online examinations. Three are competitive in price. Dr. Cunningham moved to allow up to a maximum of \$55,000 to contract with an exam proctor. Dr. Pischek seconded the motion and it was approved by unanimous consent.

Dr. Pischek moved to approve out-of-state travel for Dr. Cunningham to attend the SRTA meeting and for other members who will be observing manikin exams. Dr. Beckham seconded the motion and it was approved by unanimous consent.

Dr. Cunningham moved that case 2020-34 has no evidence to sustain. Dr. Pischek seconded the motion and it was approved by unanimous consent with the case team leader and hygiene member abstaining from the vote.

Dr. Sims moved that case 2020-39 has no evidence to sustain. Dr. Williams seconded the motion and it was approved by unanimous consent with the case team leader and hygiene member abstaining from the vote.

Dr. Williams moved that case 2020-46 has no evidence to sustain. Dr. Pischek seconded the motion and it was approved by unanimous consent with the case team leader and hygiene member abstaining from the vote.

Dr. Sims moved that case 2020-30 has no evidence to sustain. Dr. Pischek seconded the motion and it was approved by unanimous consent with the case team leader and hygiene member abstaining from the vote.

Dr. Pischek moved to direct Dr. Dixon to inform the Respondent of case 2020-47 of the assessment of an administrative fine. Dr. Cunningham seconded the motion and it was approved by unanimous consent with the case team leader and hygiene member abstaining from the vote.

Because of circumstances discovered and explained by Dr. Dixon, Dr. Sims moved to rescind motion from the June 11, 2020 meeting to assess an administrative fine to the Respondent of case 2020-23. Dr. Beckham seconded the motion and it was approved by unanimous consent with the case team leader and hygiene member abstaining from the vote.

Dr. Cunningham moved to approve *Dental License by Regional Exam* based on successful completion of the jurisprudence exam for the following applicants. Dr. Sims seconded the motion and it was approved by unanimous consent with the hygiene member abstaining from the vote.

- Sara Bailey, DDS
- Justina Boles, DMD
- Briana Brazile, DDS
- Timothy Davis, DMD
- Caleb Hodges, DMD
- Wangsoo Lee, DMD
- Boyu Ma, DMD
- Carter Mitchell, DMD
- Hung Nguyen, DMD
- Stefan Vila, DDS
- Rosy Nguyen, DMD
- John Weaver, DMD

Dr. Pischek moved to approve *Dental License by Credentials* based on successful completion of the jurisprudence exam for Eric Ashley, DDS. Dr. Sims seconded the motion and it was approved by unanimous consent with the hygiene member abstaining from the vote.

Dr. Williams moved to approve *Infiltration/Anesthesia permit* for the following dental hygienists. Dr. Pischek seconded the motion and it was approved by unanimous consent.

- Sabrina Aguillard, RDH
- Gina Curtis, RDH
- Kayla Powell, RDH
- Deborah Stringfellow, RDH
- Samantha Taylor, RDH
- Kimberly Williams, RDH
- Angela Thrower, RDH
- Janie Prude, RDH
- Elizabeth Pannell, RDH
- Kathleen English, RDH
- Krystin Tipton, RDH

At 7:54 P.M Dr. Cunningham moved to adjourn the meeting. Dr. Beckham seconded the motion and it was approved by unanimous consent.

Respectfully Submitted,

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Dr. Kevin Michael Sims, Secretary/Treasurer

Approved: <u>August 13, 2020</u> Submitted by: Linda Dlugosz